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SUBJ: ECONADS: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM

1. NATO'S ECONOMIC DIRECTOR HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE REPORTING ON WORK IN PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE EARLY FALL. SINCE THIS NOTE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18, THE DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS WOULD BE WELCOME.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE WORK IN PROGRESS

AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SUMMARISE WORK IN PROGRESS WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL BE EXAMINING IN THE WEEKS TO COME IN THOSE AREAS FOR WHICH IT IS RESPONSIBLE.

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A. PAPERS COMPLETED

1. AGRICULTURE IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE
DOCUMENT: AC/127-WP/394

REFERENCE: AC/127-R/428

A SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DURING ITS MEETING THE 18TH OF JULY.

2. RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLAVAKIA AND THE GDR

DOCUMENTS: AC/127-WP/395 AND CORRIGENDUM

AC/127-WP/398

REFERENCE: AC/127-R/431

TWO SUMMARIES PREPARED AFTER THE EXPERTS' MEETINGS ON 16TH AND 17TH MAY FOR THE COUNCIL, HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED IN FRENCH. THEY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL ON 18TH JULY.

3. NATO COUNTRIES CREDIT POLICIES TOWARDS EUROPEAN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

DOCUMENT: AC/127-WP/393

REFERENCE: ED/EC/73/129

AT THE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST, THIS PAPER WAS PREPARED BY THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE IN REPLY TO A REQUEST FROM THE COUNCIL, AND HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED THE WISH TO STUDY THIS PAPER MORE CAREFULLY BEFORE IT APPEARS ON THE COMMITTEE'S AGENDA. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER 1974.

B. PAPERS IN PROGRESS

4. THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

REFERENCE: AC/127-R/430 (MEETING OF 3RD MAY, 1974)

DOCUMENTS: ED/EC 74/29

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AN EXPLORATORY MEETING WAS HELD ON 3RD MAY. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PRINCIPLE DELEGATIONS CONCERNED, THE SECOND MEETING ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR JULY WAS POSTPONED UNTIL THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER: THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN IN ORDER TO ALLOW EXPERTS MORE TIME TO STUDY IN GREATER DEPTH THE DOCUMENTS AT THEIR DISPOSAL AND TO PREPARE THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS TO A POSSIBLE REPORT ON SECTORIAL DEFLATORS WHICH MIGHT BE APPLIED TO DEFENCE EXPENDITURE.

5. AN APPROACH TO AN ESTIMATE OF THE SOVIET BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES
DOCUMENT: AC/127-WP/378 AND ADENDUM

THIS MEETING, LONG PLANNED, WILL BE HELD ON 11TH JULY
WITH EXPERTS, AND WILL BE BASED ON THE ABOVE-CITED DOCUMENT
AS WELL AS ON CONTRIBUTIONS EXPECTED FROM CAPITALS.

6. RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIES
DOUCMENTS: AC/127-WP/385
AC/127-WP/391
REFERENCE: AC/127-R/429

THIS ITEM WILL BE RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE 18TH JULY
MEETING.

7. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY PENETRATION OF
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN THE DEVELOPING AREAS
REFERENCE: AC/127-R/432
AC/127-WP/399

A SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL WAS PREPARED BY THE
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE IN THE LIHGT OF DISCUSSIONS
HELD AT THE MEETING ON 30TH MAY. THE ENGLISH VERSION WILL
APPEAR AROUND 2ND JULY AND THE PAPER COULD BE EXAMINED BY THE
COMMITTEE TOWARDS THE END OF JULY.

8. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN COMECON
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REFERENCE: AC/127-R/433

A SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL IS BEING PREPARED AND
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

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9. STUDY OF THE CHINESE ECONOMY
REFERENCE: AC/127-A/434

A SHORT SUMMARY REPORT IS BEING PREPARED IN THE LIGHT
OF DISCUSSIONS HELD AT THE 13TH JUNE MEETING. IT WILL BE
SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

10. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET ECONOMIC PLANNING
REFERENCE: AC/127-WP/396

THIS PAPER WAS PREPARED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION.
AD DECISION MUST BE TAKEN ON WHETHER THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO
EXAMINE THE DOCUMENT AT AN EXPERTS' MEETING AND ON THE DATE
WHEN SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELD.

11. DEFENCE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE ALLIANCE
REFERENCE: PO/74/16 AND C-R(74)16
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PO/74/75
PO/74/73(REVISED) WITH AT ANNEX I PO/74/16
AND AT ANNEX II DS/ASG(74)76
DPC-VR(74)15--PART II
FINAL COMMUNIQUE M-DPC-1(74)6 OF 14TH JUNE,
1974

ON 5TH JUNE, THE COUNCIL APPROVED PARAGRAPH 9 OF PO/74/75
WHICH INVITED THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO CONSULT THE RELEVANT
DOCUMENTS (1) AND INDICATE WHAT CONTRIBUTION IT COULD MAKE.

THE DPC TOOK NOTE OF PO/74/73(REVISED) WHICH RECOMMENDED
THAT THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS IN CO-
OPERATION WITH THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND THE NATO INDUSTRIAL
CONSULTATIVE GROUP, PREPARE A PROGRAMME OF SPECIFIC MEASURES
IN ORDER THAT MILITARY EQUIPMENT BE CO-ORDINATED THROUGHOUT
THE ALLIANCE AND THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF AN
EFFECTIVE AND HEALTHY ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY BE FACILITATED.

AT THE DEFENCE MINISTERS MEETING, THE SECRETARY GENERAL REFERRED TO THE MANDATE GRANTED TO THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT MENTIONED IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE (DPC-VR(74)15, PART II, PAGE 48 (ENGLISH TEXT)). IN THIS CONNECTION, PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS THE SECTORS WHERE STUDIES MUST BE PREPARED.

THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO DEVOTE THE NECESSARY TIME TO EXAMINING HOW IT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE CDNA, WITH WHICH CLOSE AND REGULAR LIAISON WILL HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED, AS WELL AS WITH THE NATIONAL EXPERTS.

THE WORKING GROUP OF THE CDNA ON DEFENCE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY HAS ALREADY HELD TWO MEETINGS (LAST MEETING ON 27TH JUNE); FOR THE TIME BEING, IT IS ATTEMPTING TO SEE HOW IT CAN BEST INITIATE A STUDY ON "TACTICAL MISSILES". IT IS TO MEET AGAIN DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY.

IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, AFTER CONTACTING THEIR COLLEAGUES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARMAMENTS SECTOR, COULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN CURRENT EXERCISES AND MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THEM.

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THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE IS ABOUT TO COMPLETE A STUDY ON THE AVIATION INDUSTRY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE WHICH THE COMMITTEE MIGHT WELL LIKE TO EXAMINE.

THIS MATTER WILL BE RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE MEETING OF 18TH JULY.

12. STUDY OF THE ECONOMIES OF CERTAIN EASTERN COUNTRIES

DURING THIS FIRST HALF YEAR, WE HAVE PREPARED REPORTS ON THE ECONOMIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE GDR. AFTER THE VACATION PERIOD, PAPERS WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED ON THE ECONOMIES OF ROMANIA, POLAND AND BULGARIA. THE SYSTEM APPLIED TO THE MEETINGS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE GDR PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL, AND THE SAME PROCEDURE COULD BE USED IN EXAMINING THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES' ECONOMIES.

AT THE MEETING ON 18TH JULY, THE RAPORTEUR COUNTRIES WILL HAVE TO BE DETERMINED (POLAND: THE UNITED KINGDOM), AS WELL AS THE DATES WHEN THE EXPERTS' MEETINGS CAN BE HELD.

(1) I.E. ALL DOCUMENTS UNDER REFERENCE, ESPECIALLY PARAGRAPHS 17 AND 19 OF ANNEX II OF PO/74/73 (REVISED).

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